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*Tentative Agenda
Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall*

Monday, July 10, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Appeals

142 Hesketh Street

14 West Irving Street

5414 Center Street

19 Grafton Street

Old Business

New Business

Chairman's Report

Manager's Report

Police Report

Building Permits/Code Enforcement

**Mark Your Calendar and
See the Enclosed Flyers**

Parade to the Park: Tuesday, July 4 (10:15 a.m.)

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Village to Celebrate 4th of July



Many Village residents are expected to participate in the Annual Chevy Chase Village July 4th Parade to the Park. Parade participants will march from the Village Hall and make their way to the Oliver Street Park, where entertainment and refreshments will be enjoyed by all. The Village Police will be available to register bikes at the Park. **If it rains, the celebration will be held in the Village Hall.**

Two moon bounces will again be featured, as well as Uncle Sam, a clown/magician and Ms. Paula doing face painting. A special thank you in advance to the Committee on Children, Youth and Families and all those who have volunteered to assist with this very special event. See the enclosed flyer for details.

**Remember to request a House Check from the
Communications Center before you leave town.**

Second Tri-Annual Village Resident Services Survey On Track for September 5 Distribution

When first executed three years ago, the Board of Managers and Survey Steering Committee had high hopes for a strong survey response rate. All were pleased when returns began arriving and tallies climbed with each day's mail delivery topping-out at 470 households representing 65% of the Village. We believe we can do even better this time around.

Information gleaned from those 2003 responses has helped shape program priorities and policy decisions for the past three years. This autumn, the Village will execute the survey's second round addressing both program priorities and public safety. The public safety component satisfies an underlying CALEA requirement to maintain our Police department's accreditation and the program priorities component was a 2003 initiative. Both components will be updated and revised to reflect current issues, interests and developments.

In preparation now for a number of months, formal questionnaire

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**Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers' Meeting, 2nd Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall
Telephone: 301-654-7300, Fax: 301-907-9721, E-mail: ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov, Website: www.ccvillage.org**

In The Village

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development work began June 29 and will continue for the next six weeks. As in 2003, Chairs of the various Village Committees and Commissions have assembled as the Survey Steering Committee to work with professional survey consultants in developing a questionnaire asking for your opinion on an increasingly broad spectrum of topics.

The 2003 survey effort was a success because the high response rate yielded reliable and useful information. Once the questionnaire content is finalized, the Village office will produce the survey packets during August and deliver them to the Post Office on September 5. A return envelope will be included which will take completed forms directly to the independent consultants and assure anonymity for all respondents. Tabulation and analysis will occur during the autumn and results will be posted on the Village Website.

Responses will benefit the Village in two important ways. First, the results of the survey will help our highly rated Police Department improve its effectiveness and maintain its accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies. Second, all Village Committees and Commissions will incorporate your responses and opinions in setting their program priorities and developing their individual near, mid and long-term objectives and these committee recommendations will be incorporated in the next Village budget cycle set to begin in December.

Emergency Preparedness

The Village office recently mailed information packets to every Village household outlining our work-to-date on coordinating with Montgomery County and other jurisdictions and asking for basic information from Village residents that will help us develop Village-specific plans to better deal with emergencies when they do occur.

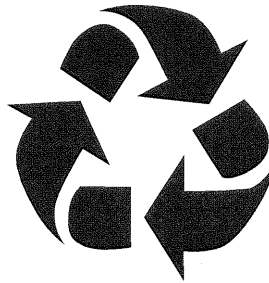
Please take the few minutes necessary to review the information, complete the questionnaire and return it to the office by fax or fill it out online at the Village website—CCVillage.org.

Public Hearing Notice

At its July 10, 2006 meeting, the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers will discuss proposed increases to the permit filing fees. Please go to the Village website at CCVillage.org to review the current and proposed fee structure.

Please submit questions, comments and/or concerns to the Village office at ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov prior to the meeting, and plan to attend the meeting on June 12 to participate in the discussion. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Recycling Improvements



Howard County, Maryland recently opened a new recycling facility designed to sort and process household paper and commingled metal and glass in one operation. The State of Virginia has had plants functioning with this capability for almost two years and this

Howard County development is the first on this side of the river. Montgomery County plans to retrofit its current recycling facility to this new standard but it may take a couple of years to complete.

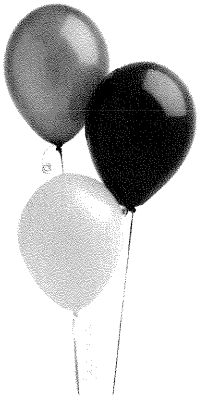
Unity Disposal and Recycling, the Village contractor for both household refuse and recycling collection has begun working with Howard County to deliver consolidated recycling materials to its new facility. The benefits of this new capability come through reduced labor costs at collection; simplified truck fleet profiles (big, specialized, side-loading recycling trucks become obsolete) and ultimate simplification for our residents.

Likely within the next year, provided the Howard County facility operates as designed, the Village will have the opportunity to shift residents from today's two-bin (Green for commingled & Grey for paper) recycling format to one bin for both. For the time being however, we will maintain the current procedures to make sure the changeover, when it ultimately does occur, will be permanent. Beginning almost immediately though, please expect to see the *Unity* recycling crews consolidating recyclable paper and commingled materials into one truck as this transition gets underway.

In The Village

Rent the Village Hall For Your Next Event

The Village Hall is the perfect setting for your next meeting or party and is available to all Village residents. Our two large rooms are available for:



- birthday parties,
- sweet 16 parties,
- weddings and wedding receptions,
- anniversary parties,
- graduation parties,
- bar and bat mitzvah receptions,
- business/organization meetings, and
- any event you can think of! There is even a small room to hold smaller children's birthday parties for a reduced rate.

The rates for rental of the two larger rooms are reduced for children's (ages 12 and under) parties. The Village Hall is sure to enhance your event. Please contact Doris Lyerly in the Village office for additional information and to reserve your date.

Boy Scout Troop Assists the Parks Committee

The Village's Rain Garden, located at the top of Laurel Park behind the Village Hall, was the site of a Boy Scout Eagle project on Sunday, April 30. Adam Evans, a sophomore at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, led a group of 25 teens in an effort to help the community.

The troop mulched, weeded and edged in the Rain Garden, mulched the surrounding baby trees and removed invasive plants—Lesser Celandine—that was threatening the Rain Garden. Alice Kinter, Chair of the Village's Parks Committee, was very pleased to see the job well done. This project was especially beneficial because of funding by Montgomery County for every hour worked.

Specials thanks to Adam and the Boy Scouts that assisted with this beneficial endeavor.



Building Facilities Commission

The Building Facilities Commission meets the second Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Village Hall. Their next meeting will be held on Monday, July 10. All residents are invited to attend.

Committee on Children, Youth and Families

Parents, remember the days of Kick-the-Can, Red Rover, Red Rover and pick-up baseball? Bring or send your kids to the triangle park at Oliver and Kirkside for some fun in the park on Saturday mornings between 10 and 11:30. Have them bring their baseball gloves and balls, soccer balls, frisbees, hula hoops, jump ropes, or just themselves - whatever they would like.

Where: Park at the corner of Kirkside Dr. & Oliver St.

When: Saturday mornings, 10:00 – 11:30

The Committee realizes that this meeting place is more accessible for residents who live west of Connecticut. Residents on the east side of Connecticut Avenue are encouraged to provide input and assist in organizing a similar activity.

Residents can contact the Committee's Co-Chairs by email with ideas for new activities, or to volunteer for future events: Amy Cooper at acbelle@aol.com or Karen Spangler at karenspangler@comcast.net.

Administrative Office Closed on July 4

The Village Administrative Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day and on Monday, September 4th, in observance of Labor Day.

The Communications Center and Police Department remains open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Save the Date...

**October 7, 2006
11 AM to 4 PM**

Chevy Chasing History-A Heritage Fair

A celebration for the entire family at the
Leland Community Center

Sponsored by the Chevy Chase Historical Society
in cooperation with the Leland Community Center.

In The Village

New Law Affecting Tree Contractors

A bill passed by the Maryland General Assembly, effective October 1, 2005, requires all tree experts to be licensed through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to **prune** and **remove** trees within the State. This law applies within the Village and is already being enforced.

The Village's Tree Removal Permit Application will now require the tree contractor's name, phone number and DNR license number. Permits will not be issued if the contractor has not been selected.

Village officers will also be verifying licensing for any crews seen pruning trees on private property. Any crews witnessed pruning without valid licensing will receive a State citation and fine, and will be escorted out of the Village.

For more information regarding this new regulation or to verify licensing for a desired tree contractor, please visit the DNR website at www.dnr.state.md.us or call them at (877) 620-8DNR. For questions regarding the law's application within the Village, please contact the Village office.

Board Actions - June 12, 2006 Board of Managers' Meeting

Minutes: May 8, 2006 Meeting: Approved.

Brookville Road Working Group: The Working Group's Chair, Douglas Kamerow, explained that \$9,000 would be needed in the FY2007 budget in order to draft a proposal for review by the State Highway Administration. The Board authorized the appropriation of \$9,000 from reserves to engineering.

Appeals: A-1551, 26 Oxford Street: Removal of two Sycamore trees measuring 44.0 and 28.0 inches in diameter located in the side yard of the property to accommodate a proposed addition—Approved. A-1553, 5610 Cedar Parkway: Removal of one Holly tree measuring 8.9 inches in diameter located in the front yard of the property—Approved.

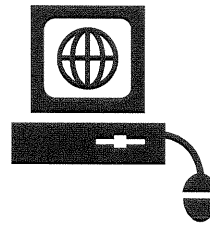
Old Business: Public Hearing—Installation of security cameras within the Buffer Park adjoining the Chevy Chase Center: Several residents from the surrounding area were in attendance and stated their support for the installation of security cameras within the Park, and expressed their desire to see additional

Emergency Phones installed as well. Village Police Chief, Roy Gordon, will continue to edit the policy governing the cameras' use and Village Manager, Geoffrey Biddle will continue negotiations with the vendor(s).

New Business: Resolution No. 06-01-06: A Resolution of the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers, adopting the Montgomery County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, as required by Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations Part 201 as authorized by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, in order to remain eligible for State and Federal Disaster Relief Funding—Approved.

Manager's Report: The Board authorized Mr. Biddle to proceed in mailing the Emergency Preparedness Resident Resource Questionnaires (see page 2).

Village Listserve



Several residents have requested a forum in which residents and staff can exchange and distribute information via email. Heeding these requests, and in order to create a direct way for the Village staff and Board to disseminate important information directly to residents personal computers, the Village staff is proud to introduce the Chevy Chase Village Listserve at Yahoo!® Groups.

To subscribe, go to www.groups.yahoo.com and click on Sign Up!, which will direct you to the Registration page. Follow the instructions to enroll. **IMPORTANT:** If you do not already have a Yahoo!® email address and/or if you do not wish to obtain a Yahoo!® email address, you must **uncheck** the "Create my free Yahoo!® email address" checkbox on the Registration page.

The listserve will be closely monitored. Any users considered to be offensive or inappropriate will be blocked from the listserve.

Listserve have become quite popular as convenient tools for sharing information. Village residents can post contractor recommendations, offer tickets or items for sale, spread the word on upcoming yard or bake sales and any other topic residents wish to discuss. All residents are encouraged to enroll in this new service. If you have any questions or need assistance enrolling, please email Shana Davis-Cook in the Village office at: shana.davis-cook@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Police Beat—Chevy Chase Village

To e-mail Police Chief Roy Gordon: roy.gordon@montgomerycountymd.gov

New Leash Law in Effect

On September 20, 2005, the Montgomery County Council voted to require residents to leash dogs in public. The new leash law states that a dog must be leashed in public places unless the area is designated as a dog exercise area or the dog is participating in a supervised dog activity such as a dog show. The law became effective immediately. Fines for dogs off leash begin at \$100 for the first offense and go up to \$500.

For your information: Montgomery County has three dog exercise areas—Black Hill Regional Park, Ridge Road Recreational Park and Wheaton Regional Park. For more information, visit the MC Park and Planning website at www.mcparkandplanning.org.

Storm Preparedness

June 1st marked the start of the 2005 Atlantic Hurricane Season. That means it's time to prepare for the possibility that destructive tropical weather could hit our region any time between now and November 30. The National Weather Service predicts storm activity will be above normal this year with 12 to 15 tropical storms, seven to nine of them becoming hurricanes, and three to five of them major hurricanes.

- ◆ Keep the Communications Center and PEPCO emergency number (1-877-737-2662) accessible to report outages or wires down.
- ◆ Make sure PEPCO has your latest phone number registered in its automated Outage Management System, so PEPCO can identify your location and more quickly locate the source of trouble. Updates can be made online at www.pepco.com.
- ◆ Prepare an emergency survival kit. This would include a flashlight, battery-powered radio, fresh batteries, essential medication, nonperishable food and enough fresh water to last several days.
- ◆ Develop a contingency plan. Decide what to do in the event of a lengthy power outage. Would you stay at home or, perhaps, with family or friends?

PEPCO has upgraded its web site to enable customers to view outage information across the company's service territory. To see the outage maps, or for more information on preparing for power outages, go to www.pepco.com and visit the Storm Center.

Before You Leave for Vacation...



If you will be away from home for more than twenty-four hours, contact the Communications Center at (301) 654-7300 to arrange for a house check. House Check Requests can also be submitted via the Village's website at www.ccvillage.org.

For added security, the Police Department recommends having mail held at the Post Office by completing PS Form 8076. In addition, if you expect a package from either UPS or Fedex, please leave a neighbor's address with the Communications Center so they may receive your packages.

The volume of packages and mail received in the Communications Center often exceeds the limited space available. Your assistance is appreciated.

Reminder: Village Police Officers will be available at the Fourth of July Celebration at the Oliver Street Park to register bicycles and to provide useful safety information.

Crime Prevention Tips

- ◆ In restaurants, keep your purse on your lap or with the strap wrapped around your knee.
- ◆ When carrying your purse, keep the open side toward your body.
- ◆ Photocopy your credit cards, front and back, on a copy machine and keep the list in a safe place. If your wallet is taken or lost you will have a record and phone number to report them stolen or lost.
- ◆ Remove valuable items from sight in your car. If you must carry them in the car, lock them in the trunk. Always lock the car and activate the alarm system.
- ◆ Leaving strollers, bicycles, sport equipment on your lawn or porch is a simple crime of opportunity.
- ◆ Never leave windows or doors open and unlocked when you leave your home or when you go to bed. Always activate your alarm system.
- ◆ Take detailed pictures of your valuables and record serial numbers and approximate value of the items and place them in a safe deposit box.
- ◆ Be a good neighbor, report anything suspicious: an alarm going off, suspicious vehicle, person; any noise or disturbance that catches your attention.

Community News



Chevy Chase Community Library July 2006

The Chevy Chase Library is located at 8005 Connecticut Avenue. All programs are free. For further information or for reservations, contact the library at (240) 773-9590.

Special Events (Free tickets are required for all "Special Events" and must be picked up in person at the library.)

- Once Upon an Adventure!: Monday, July 3 at 7:00 p.m.: Diane Macklin presents interactive storytelling filled with traditional tales of silly fools and clever tricksters. Ages 5-12. Tickets available beginning June 24.
- What's the Matter? Chemistry with Fizz, Foam and Flash: Monday, July 10 at 7:00 p.m.: Thrill to chemical reactions that fizz, foam and flash, brought to you by the Maryland Science Center. Ages 5-12. Tickets available beginning July 1.
- Green Golly and her Golden Flute: Monday, July 17 at 7:00 p.m.: Flute sweets an extraordinary introduction to the art of the flute and the magic of classical music. Ages 5-12. Tickets available beginning July 8.
- On the Ball: Monday, July 24 at 7:00 p.m.: Harlem Globetrotter Spinny Johnson amazes all with his basketball tricks. Tickets available beginning July 15.
- The Good, The Bad and The Ugly: Monday, July 31 at 7:00 p.m.: "Scales and Tales" from the Maryland State Forest and Park Service introduces live wild animals native to Maryland. Tickets available beginning July 22.

Preschool Films

- Thursday, July 6 at 10:30 a.m.: MANY MELODIES—Musical Max; Whistle for Willie; Chicken Soup with Rice; Foolish Frog.
- Thursday, July 13 at 10:30 a.m.: ANIMALS ALL AROUND—Cat and Canary; Hot Hippo; Chicken Little; Giggle, Giggle, Quack.
- Thursday, July 20 at 10:30 a.m.: TOWN AND COUNTRY—Trashy Town; Weekend with Wendell; Village of Round and Square Houses.
- Thursday, July 27 at 10:30 a.m.: FAMILY FUN—Pete's Pizza; Blueberries for Sal; Elizabeti's Doll; The Paperboy.

**Rent the Village Hall
for Your Next Event!**

REMINDERS

- Notify the Village office if you have a medical requirement for emergency services so we may alert utility companies working in the Village.
- Having your house number painted on the curb in front of your property is prohibited by Section 12-5 of the Village Code. Contractors painting on the Village curbs will be issued a municipal citation by the Village Police.
- Pursuant to Village Code Section 8-10, dumpster use requires a permit. Please remind your contractor that a permit must be received from the Village Office prior to placing a dumpster on private property. Dumpsters are prohibited on public property, including Village streets at ALL times. Dumpster switch-outs are prohibited in the Village's public right-of-way, including roadways.
- Contact the Village office prior to removing trees on private property or beginning any home improvement projects to discuss permit requirements.
- Grey recycle bin lids are available from the Communications Center. Please make sure your recycle bins are placed in an easily accessible location. If recycling haulers cannot find the bins, collection of recyclables may be hampered.
- Free "No Solicitors" stickers are available in the Village Office for residents wishing to put them in a window near the front door to their home. The sticker is in addition to the list maintained by Communications.
- Residents are encouraged to use the Community Bulletin Board, located in the Village Hall, for notices or advertisements, which must be approved by Village staff prior to posting.
- Please remind your landscaping and home improvement contractors that work is not permitted prior to 8:00 a.m. on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. on weekends.



MVA on Wheels

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration's mobile service will be at the Friendship Heights Village Center on Monday, July 24, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In addition to license renewals, motorists may drop off old tags and avail themselves of several other services. For schedule or additional information, visit the MVA website at: www.mva.state.md.us/location/montcty.htm or by phone at 1 (800) 950-1682, ext 2.

Public Works Department/Trash Schedule

While several Village residents have called to compliment the Unity staff for a job well done, your input is important when we evaluate our contracted services. Please report missed services to the Communications Center at (301) 654-7300. Please leave your gates unlocked so the Unity staff can enter your property to collect your refuse and recycling.

Special pickups are made on Wednesdays. Residents must submit their request either by phone or via the Village website by 2 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to ensure pick up.

There will be no **trash** collection on Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Collection will slide one day so Tuesday's collection will be made on Wednesday; Wednesday's collection will be made on Thursday; Thursday's collection will be made on Friday; and Friday's collection will be made on Saturday. Monday's collection will **not** be affected.

Recycling collection for residents WEST of Connecticut Avenue will be collected on Thursday, July 6. **Recycling** collection for residents EAST of Connecticut Avenue will be collected on Friday, July 7.

Special pickups will be collected on their regularly scheduled day, Wednesday, July 5.

Chevy Chase Village
5906 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

July 4th Celebration begins at the Village Hall at 10:15 a.m.
We'll see you there!

BOARD OF MANAGERS

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VILLAGE MANAGER

Geoffrey B. Biddle

Building Permits Issued by the Village Manager June 2006

120 Grafton St.....Replace front stoop
9 W. Kirke St.....Replace fencing
21/23 Grafton St.....Replace fencing
5 E. Irving St.....Reduction of pool perimeter
108 Grafton St.....Install two 2' wide paver walkways along driveway
3718 Bradley La.....Replace and remove sections of fencing
204 Primrose St.....Install a hosta bed and walkway in public ROW
5514 Center St.....Interior renovation, addition, patio
111 Primrose St.....Install an underground irrigation system
12 E. Lenox St.....Expand patio, install retaining wall, landscape in rear
4 Primrose St....Replace chain link fence with 6' high board fence in rear

**The 2006 Resident Directory is available for pick-up
in the Village office and Communications Center.**

Appeal & Crier Deadlines

There is no August issue of the *Crier*. Publication will resume in September. The deadline to submit articles for the September 2006 issue of the *Crier* is close of business on Monday, August 28.

The Board of Managers does not meet in the month of August. The deadline to submit appeals or other requests to be heard by the Board at its September 11, 2006 meeting is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 28.

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